



Broomfield and Kingswood Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood, Monday, 15th May 2017.

Present:

Cllr Christina Clark (Chair); Cllr Gareth Davies; Cllr Paul Milton; Cllr Mike Lovell (4)

Cllr Shellina Prendergast – Kent County Councillor, Maidstone Rural East

Cllr Gill Fort – MBC Ward Councillor- Leeds

PCSO John Boyd- Kent Police

Mrs G Gosden – Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

There were 9 members of the public present.

Cllr Clark opened the meeting at 7.30pm

Min No	Action
1	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Tom Hoy – Family Commitments Cllr Peter Page – Work Commitments Cllr Janet Tandy – Family Commitments Sue Chambers – Club representative
2	Welcome by the Parish Council Chairman, Tina Clark
3	Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016 Were agreed to be a true record of the meeting and was signed by Cllr Darling at the Parish Council meeting on the 20 th June 2016.
4	Chairman's Annual Report (2016/17) Cllr Clark (Chairman), read out the annual report which is retained on file and also available on the Parish Council website and in the Annual Reports document at the Post Office.
5	Responsible Finance Officer's Report (2016/17) The Finance Report was read by the Clerk/RFO and is retained on file, but is also available on the Parish Council Website and in the Annual Report document at the Post Office
6	Kent County Council Report 2016/17 Cllr Shellina Prendergast welcomed the opportunity to thank those residents who voted for her in the KCC elections of only 9 days ago. She therefore had nothing to report from the previous year, but is currently reviewing the KCC Annual Report. She looks forward to working closely with the parish in the future.
7	Maidstone Borough Council Report (2016/17) Cllr Gill Fort reported:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Plan – designed to manage the development of homes, jobs and the environment.

The Interim report from the public examination was published before Christmas and MBC are currently reviewing modifications resulting from the report. The final hearing is due soon.

- MBC held a consultation "Your service, You decide" to help determine the budget for 2017/18, the public priorities were found to be household waste, street cleaning and street services. Town Centre improvements were also considered important. Heritage, leisure and tourism were considered the least essential of the services.
- Commercial development at J8 of the M20 was rejected by the MBC Planning Committee but the applicants have appealed this decision. MBC have confirmed their intention to challenge the appeal.
- Relief Road for Leeds and Langley, despite the examiner concluding this was not an essential provision within the Local Plan MBC and KCC Councillors continue to press for this to be included. Proposed routes for a relief road will be going out to consultation in the future.

8 Reports from External Organisations

Reports have been published in the Annual Parish Meeting booklet. There were no additional reports on the evening.

9 Q & A session with members of the Public

9.1 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator details. The Clerk explained that unfortunately there was a vacancy for a NHW co-ordinator following the sudden death of Mike Evans.

9.2 What is the Precept – The Clerk explained the precept is monies received via the borough council to pay for the management of the parish through the parish council. This is an addition to the Council Tax already paid to the borough.

9.3 Why is the end of year carry over figure so high – The Clerk explained that monies were held over for the installation of additional play equipment at the sports field; also that it had been hoped following a successful outcome to the Neighbourhood Plan the monies would kick start the process of establishing the initial requirements. In addition it is hoped that the Parish Council will be able to help with the sustainability of the Kingswood Pre-school, possibly by helping with an extension to the Village Hall, which would include a Parish Council Office.

10 Any Other Information

There was nothing at this time

11 Date of Next Annual Parish Meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be on 14th May 2017, the date will be confirmed nearer the time.

There was no further business, Cllr Clark thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.58pm

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1. Reports requested– External Organisations (2016/17)

- 1.1 Kingswood Primary School – Darren Waters, Head-teacher
- 1.2 Neighbourhood Policing - PCSO John Boyd
- 1.3 KCC Community Warden – Dawn Riach-Brown
- 1.4 Parish Footpaths Officer – currently there is no footpaths officer

2. Reports requested- Parish Clubs and Organisations (2016/17)

*Art Club
*Book Club
*Coffee Shop
*Dog Training
*Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches
*Kingswood Church
Kingswood Pre-School
Neighbourhood Watch
*Scout Group
*Tuesday Lunch Club
*Village Hall
*Whist Club

Badminton
*CANS Youth Club
*Cynophobia
*Drop In
Karate
*Kingswood Community Singers
Kingswood Baby & Toddler Group
*Short Mat Bowls
St Margaret's Church
*Twinning Group
Walkie Talkie Club
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Reports that have been received from Clubs are marked with an * asterisk and have been published in the APM Reports document.

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